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SUBJECT: CLANDESTINE PRISONERS

REF: A.) BUENOS AIRES 6150; B.) BUENOS AIRES 3056 (NOTAL)

1. DEPARTMENT IS DEEPLY DISTURBED BY REPORT (REF A, PARA 5)
THAT QTE THERE IS INFORMED SPECULATION THAT SOME OF THE
REMAINING CLANDESTINE PRISONERS ARE BEING MURDERED UNQTE,
APPARENTLY IN CONNECTION WITH PREPARATIONS FOR THE IAHR
VISIT IN SEPTEMBER. -WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR URGENTLY
MAKING WHATEVER FURTHER INQUIRIES INTO THIS MATTER MAY BE
POSSIBLE AND FURNISHING IN-DEPTH ASSESSMENT OF AUTHENTI-
CITY OF THESE REPORTS.

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2. DEPT ALSO REQUESTS YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO WHAT
ADDITIONAL STEPS US MIGHT TAKE, PERHAPS IN CONCERT WITH

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OTHER CONCERNED GOVERNMENTS, (E.G., THE EC-9 AMBASSADORS) TO INFLUENCE GOA TO HALT KILLINGS. FYI: IN RECENT CALL ON HA ASSISTANT SECRETARY DERIAN, SWEDISH CHARGE SAID SWEDISH GOVERNMENT HAS RECEIVED REPORTS THAT GOA IS KILLING CLANDESTINE PRISONERS AND OFFERED TO JOIN WITH USG IN JOINT OR PARALLEL APPROACHES TO GOA TO PRESS FOR CESSATION OF KILLINGS. END FYI.

3. ALSO, PURSUANT TO EMBASSY SUGGESTION IN PARA 6 OF REF B THAT QTE THE BEST COURSE FOR DEALING WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF CLANDESTINE PRISONS IS TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE IAHRC VISIT AND TO COLLECT ANY INFORMATION WHICH MIGHT ASSIST IT IN DEALING WITH THIS QUESTION UNQTE, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE TIMELY TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON YOUR RECOMMENDATION BY REVIEWING AVAILABLE INFORMATION WITH A VIEW TO FURNISHING APPROPRIATELY SANITIZED DATA TO COMMISSION ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS. DEPARTMENT THEREFORE REQUESTS YOU REVIEW INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN EMBASSY FILES FROM ALL SOURCES ON CLANDESTINE OR OTHER UNACKNOWLEDGED FACILITIES AND FORWARD A LIST AND DESCRIPTION OF ALL CENTERS YOU BELIEVE ARE PROBABLY STILL IN OPERATION.

4. WE ALSO WANT YOUR ESTIMATE OF THE CREDIBILITY OF THE REPORTS AND INFORMATION FILES. YOUR REPLY SHOULD, IF POSSIBLE, CONTAIN INFORMATION ON:

- A.) EXACT LOCATION;
 - B.) WHO CONTROLS THE FACILITY (E.G., FEDERAL POLICE, ARMY, NAVY, ETC.);
 - C.) APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF DETAINEES;
 - D.) NAMES OF ANY DETAINEES, IF KNOWN;
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- E.) MAIN PURPOSES OF FACILITY (E.G., INTERROGATION, TRANSIT, RE-EDUCATION, LONG TERM CONFINEMENT, ETC.);
- F.) DATE OF LAST REPORT(S); NUMBER OF SOURCES REPORTING ON THIS FACILITY; AND
- G.) BRIEF EVALUATION OF AUTHENTICITY AND RELIABILITY OF INFORMATION AND SOURCES.

H. PLEASE ALSO PREPARE A SEPARATE LIST OF NAMES AND LOCATION OF CENTERS YOU BELIEVE HAVE BEEN CLOSED, AND ANY INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT HEPPENED TO PERSONS WHO HAD BEEN HELD IN THEM.

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6. REQUEST REPORT ON AN URGENT BASIS.

7. AFTER RECEIVING YOUR REPORT, THE DEPARTMENT WILL THEN
DECIDE WHAT FURTHER APPROACHES MIGHT BE MADE TO THE GOA.
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